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Microsoft have been bad actors for as long as they have been able to get away with it, and their corporate culture still is tilted to the "all markets we are in must be ours" direction that makes it likely that they will have monopoly power to abuse in more markets. Until they suffer some sort of palpable correction for acting as they have, it is unreasonable to expect them to act any differently; the current settlement neither constitutes a stiff enough penalty to be noticeable nor sends a signal that they are dealing with a D.o.J. willing to take them on should they egregregiously misbehave in the future.